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## **Mississippi River Commission will meet the public in Houma on Friday, Aug. 27**

NEW ORLEANS – The Mississippi River Commission will hold the final public meeting of its 2004 low-water inspection trip on Friday, Aug. 26, in Houma.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. aboard the Motor Vessel Mississippi at the Cenac Towing Co., 141 Bayou Dularge Road, Houma.

Members of the public are invited to express their concerns and questions to the seven-member commission. Topics usually include flood control, navigation, the environment, emergency response, recreation and related issues.

### **Friday's public meeting agenda**

- Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, president-designee of the commission and division engineer, Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will report on national and regional issues.
- Col. Peter Rowan, district engineer, will report on the state of the New Orleans District.
- Members of the public will present their views and questions.

Organized in 1879, the Mississippi River Commission has seven members, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The commission advises the chief of engineers and the secretary of the Army. Staff support is provided by the Mississippi Valley Division, which is based in Vicksburg, Miss., and directs the work of the six Corps districts on the Mississippi River from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

## **Members of the Mississippi River Commission**

Brig. Gen. Crear, president-designee  
Sam E. Angel, farmer, Lake Village, Ark.  
R.D. James, civil engineer, New Madrid, Mo.  
William Clifford Smith, civil engineer, Houma, La.  
Brig. Gen. Steven R. Hawkins, U.S. Army, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Brig. Gen. William T. Grisoli, U.S. Army, Portland, Ore.  
Rear Adm. Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Norfolk, Va.

The commission usually inspects the Mississippi River twice each year, in the spring during high water and in summer during low water. (In New Orleans District, the low-water inspection concludes on the Atchafalaya River.) Public meetings are held on each trip.

**MEDIA NOTE.** For interviews before the public meeting, please call 504-862-2201. If you specify your interest, we may also be able to make available a project manager or other expert. You would be expected to board MV Mississippi by 7:45 a.m. In addition, if time permits, some individuals may grant interviews after the meeting.

One interest often is the **LCA project to restore coastal Louisiana**. For a map of the 15 proposed projects, go to <http://www.lca.gov/> and click on "July & August 2004 Meetings" and scroll down to "HTML Version." The map is on Slide 23.